



# Iowa Council on Agricultural Education



## Meeting Minutes March 27, 2017

The meeting of the Iowa Council on Agricultural Education was called to order by chair, Will Fett, at 1:30pm on Monday, March 27, 2017 in room 108 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Iowa.

### Present:

Members: Caitlin Remington, Sue Benning, Will Fett, Kent Klemme (by phone), Brea Harms (by phone), Larry Marek (by phone), and Kala Miller (by phone).

Ex officio members: Pradeep Kotamraju, IDOE; Elisa Russ, Iowa FFA; Jake Swanson, IDALS (by phone)

Guests: Scott Johnson, Amy Beller, Greer Sisson, Jim Wightman

Absent: Dale Gruis and DeAnn Sindergard

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Minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting were read. **Remington moved to approve the minutes as presented. Benning seconded. Motion pass by voice vote.**

### Chair Report

- Updates from the Office of Boards and Commissions
  - The council was formed under legislative action. Because of this, the council shall be named 'Iowa Council on Agricultural Education' rather than 'Governor's Council on Agricultural Education'.
- The Council has distributed two press releases since the last meeting – one announcing the Excellence in Agriculture Education award and one Announcing the 100 Year Celebration of the Smith Hughes Act. The latter was in cooperation with the Iowa FFA Association.
- Council members interested in receiving reimbursement for their travel expenses to attend council meetings are requested to fill out a W9 and travel reimbursement form. Forms will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Education who will facilitate processing reimbursement and cutting checks.

### Unfinished Business

- Excellence in Agriculture Education Award. Awardees are:
- Advisory Committee Award: New Hampton Community School District
  - Agriculture teacher: Jim Russ

- Nominator: Ashley Mattke
- Program Promotion and Marketing Award: Central DeWitt High School
  - Agriculture teacher: Amy Grantz
  - Nominator: Skylar Bloom, FFA chapter president
- Agriculture Career Awareness Award: Lone Tree Community School
  - Agriculture teacher: Bridget Mahoney
  - Nominator: Jaxon Mullinnix, Lone Tree FFA member
- Integration of Science Award: South Winneshiek Community School District
  - Agriculture teacher: Melissa Hageman
- Adult Education Award: Maquoketa Valley CSD
  - Agriculture teacher: Dawn Mausser
  - Nominator: Amanda Fortman, Maquoketa Valley FFA chapter president
- And the overall winner for Excellence in Agriculture Education Award is...Maquoketa Valley CSD
  - Agriculture teacher: Dawn Mausser
  - Nominator: Amanda Fortman, Maquoketa Valley FFA chapter president
- Suggestions for next year:
  - Consider another category area – best special event
  - Ask applicants to provide an outline of their yearly activities
  - Use rubric to evaluate the applications. Then submit a final ranking of the applicants. The ranking will then be used to tally scores and determine the winner.
  - Benning expressed the desire to recognize a variety of schools in future years.
    - The council might decide that winners not be eligible for the same award area two years in a row.
    - If an applicant has already one in a category, they may be eligible for an honorable mention or some other recognition
- Next steps:
  - Presentation of award at State FFA Leadership conference: April 11, 2017
  - Press release will be distributed announcing winners
  - Maquoketa Valley CSD will be asked to apply for the Advance CTE recognition when that application is available in December 2017.

## New Business

- Supervised Agriculture Experiences
  - Agriculture education students at Iowa State University only experience minimal instruction on how to manage student SAEs
  - An ISU Agriculture Education Bachelor's degree is 128 credits. There isn't much room to add another course to the required load that could focus on SAEs and teacher preparation
    - Could SAEs be incorporated into a methods class?
    - Could SAEs be incorporated into the student teaching experience?
      - Current student teaching is a 16-week experience. This could change to two 8-week experiences.

- Cooperating teachers are provided a handbook. SAEs are a small component of this. Could this section be expanded on? [Current version is here.](#)
- Some teachers are receiving provisional teaching licenses from the Board of Education Examiners. Exact certification requirements are being determined by ISU, UNI, and University of Iowa. It is assumed that agriculture education teachers receiving provisional licenses are not required to have any training in SAEs.
- Iowa agriculture education students currently participate in [six category areas](#).
  - Ownership/Entrepreneurship
  - Placement/Internship
  - Research
  - Exploratory
  - School-Based Enterprise
  - Service-Learning
- The National Council for Agriculture Education has published a [philosophy and guiding principles](#) document on SAEs.
- Current SAE procedures are outlined in the [Guidelines for Quality High School Agriculture Education Programs](#) document (2001)
- Iowa Work Force Development, [Registered Apprenticeship Program](#) (Guests Sisson, Wightman, Beller)
  - Potentially more than 1300 apprenticeship occupations
  - Five focus areas and core elements of a registered apprenticeship
    - Connection to school/education/related training
    - Wage progression
    - Lead into national certification
    - Skills gained
    - Business involvement
  - Apprenticeships can start as young as 16 years' old
  - FFA members may be eligible for apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs
  - For employers, there are funds available to supplement salaries of apprentices from the Iowa Economic Development.
  - Apprenticeship program [tool-kit](#)
- Opportunities
  - Ask ISU to expand the section of the student teaching handbook on SAEs to put more weight on this experience.
  - Ask ISU to include training on SAEs in the requirements of agriculture teachers seeking provisional licensure.
  - Adopt the National Council for Agriculture Education - SAE guiding principles document as the standard for Iowa.
  - Align current SAE guidelines with the National Council for Agriculture Education guidelines.
  - Could use the FFA Alumni network to communicate the opportunities of apprenticeship programs to employers.

- Distribute information on Registered Apprenticeship program and Quality Pre-apprenticeship program to agriculture teachers so that they are aware of these opportunities for their students.

The next meeting will be June 26, 2017. Conference line will be provided. Meeting will be from 1:30 to 3:30pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.**